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BIOELECTRONIC DEVICES

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SUBSTITUTE RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office communication dated December 29, 2003, please enter this document as a substitute for the paper submitted on December 2, 2003 in response to the final Office action for the above-identified patent application, mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 9, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows, without prejudice:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.

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CONCLUSION

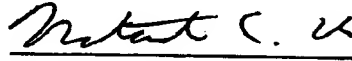
In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe no fee is due at this time. However, if a fee is required, the Office is authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Respectfully submitted,

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